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BOOZE FADES
OUT OF SIGHT
DURING NIGHTSeven States to Hop Over to
Dry Column as Dram
Shops Close Doors.

START NEW YEAR TIGHT

Old Year Will Depart Tak-
ing Remnants of Open
Territory With It.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—State wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight tonight, putting out of business more than 5,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries.

The states that are to enter the dry column are Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina. Many counties in all of the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquor for a number of years under local option laws.

Colorado Tries to "Fudge."

In Colorado, district attorneys, at a recent meeting, agreed that technically Colorado's constitutional prohibition amendment and the enforcing statute do not become effective until midnight, Jan. 1, but it was also decided that the expiration of all liquor licenses at midnight tonight will render liquor sales on New Year's day unlawful. According to one authority between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 have been expended for liquor in Colorado within the last week.

Arkansas' First Shot.

Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the state-wide prohibition law, passed by the state legislature goes into effect with the coming of the new year. The Arkansas department of the anti-saloon league has announced that the league will have workers in the field to see that the law is enforced. Anti-prohibition leaders have announced that no fight will be made for the repeal of the law, at least until prohibition has been given a thorough trial.

Barnyard Day in Iowa.

In Iowa "barnyard day" sales in the 501 saloons of the state are in progress today, preparatory to final closing tonight. Under the new law, repeal, passed by the last legislature, statutory prohibition is restored, pending the action of the next legislature and the people on the proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition which is to be disposed of within the next two years.

Oregon Hits Drug Stores.

In Oregon the manufacture or sale of any kind of intoxicating liquor is absolutely prohibited by constitutional amendment. Drug stores are permitted to sell liquor for any purpose with or without a doctor's prescription. Each family may import for personal use a maximum of two quarts of spirits, two quarts of wine or 25 quarts of malt liquor in any of four consecutive weeks. No person other than a common carrier may make deliveries of liquor, and the purchaser of liquor illegally is made equally culpable with the seller.

Washington Allows You a Pint a Day.
In the state of Washington the initiative prohibition law, ratified in November, 1913, permits residents to purchase from dealers outside the state two quarts of spirituous liquor or 12 quarts of beer each 30 days.

Most of Idaho Already Dry.

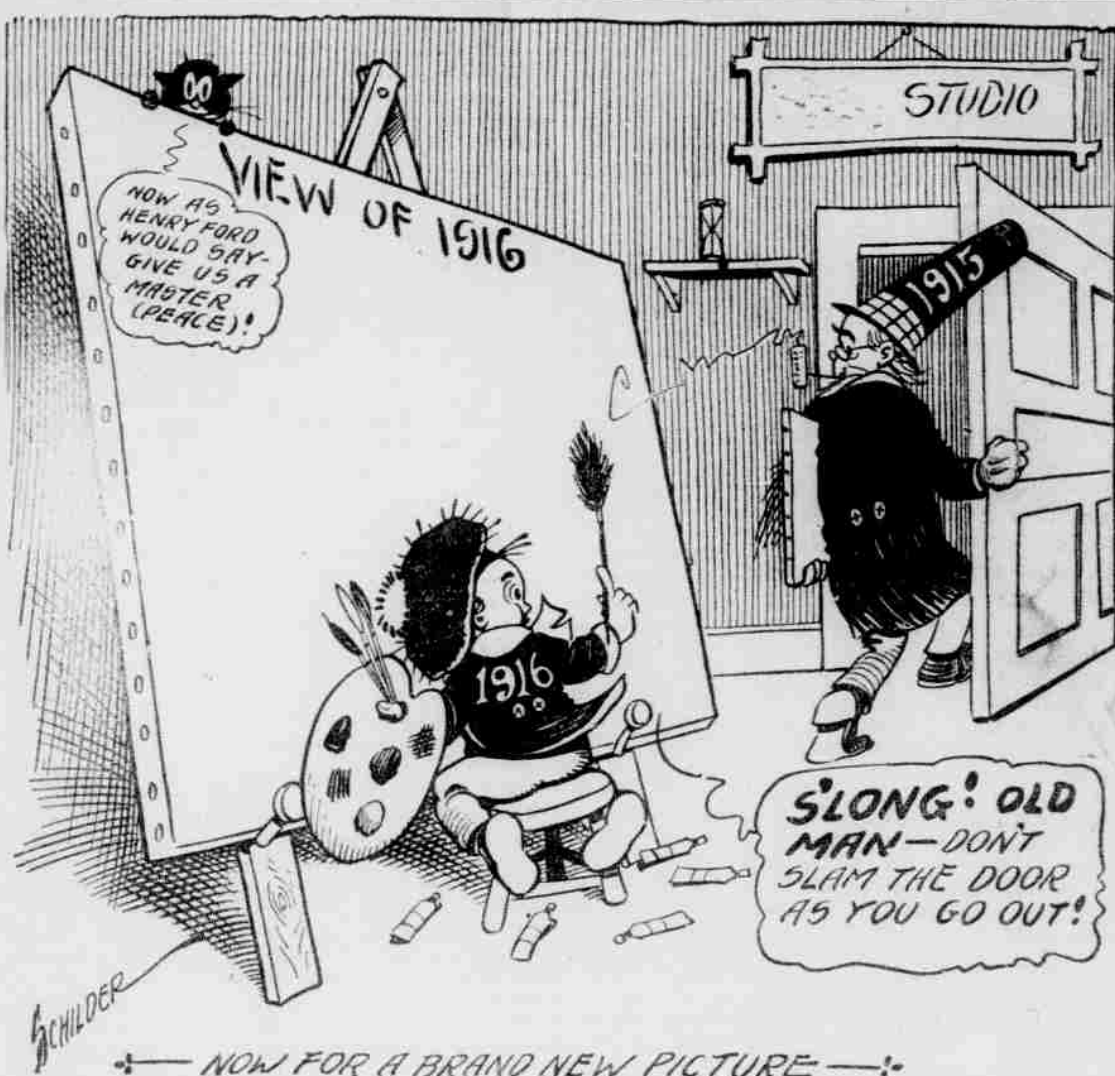
Idaho will go dry tonight by virtue of statutory prohibition. Most of the state has been dry under local option and only about 150 saloons will be forced out of business. Idaho's prohibition law was said to be the most drastic in the union. It not only closes the saloons, but makes possession of any kind of malt or spirituous liquor a crime, except wine for sacramental purposes and pure alcohol for medicinal purposes, scientific and mechanical uses, which is procurable only on an order from the probate court.

Fifteen Breweries Closed.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 31.—In Iowa 15 breweries were closed down finally today, and tomorrow between 2,000 and 2,500 bartenders and employees of these breweries will have lost their positions. City, county and federal governments will lose an annual revenue of \$745,350. The breweries put out of business are capitalized at nearly \$5,000,000.

Civic Association Adjourns.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Sessions of the American Civic association's annual convention ended today. President McFarland announced the following new committee chairman: State and county parks, Dr. John Nolen, Cambridge, Mass.; country planning, Professor Frank A. Waugh, Amherst, Mass.



NOW FOR A BRAND NEW PICTURE—

KAISER'S PAINS
CAUSED BY BOIL

London, Dec. 31, (12:35 p. m.)—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung gives confirmation from an authoritative source of the report that Emperor William is suffering from a boil. The emperor is not confined to bed. His affection is described as harmless.

"The unsettled weather makes it appear advisable that the emperor should keep to his room for a few days," the message continues. "His work has not been interrupted. He receives his reports daily in the usual way."

SCHMIDT GUILTY; TO
ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Mathew A. Schmidt, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last night, as an accomplice of James B. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here Oct. 1, 1910, will appear in court next Monday for sentence. At that time his counsel will file a motion for a new trial and the case will be continued until Jan. 12.

THREE MEN BURNED
TO DEATH IN HOTEL

Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 31.—Three men were burned to death here today in a fire which practically destroyed the Farmers' Inn, the leading hotel of Traverse City. The property loss was small. Jacob Kinter, 60, the proprietor, escaped but returned in an effort to rescue two guests and perished with them.

THE WAR TODAY

Sinking of the British armored cruiser Natal, after an explosion, is announced by the admiralty. The Natal was a vessel of 13,660 tons laid down 11 years ago. Although an important fighting craft, she was not classed with the first line ships of the British fleet.

The official text of Austria's reply to the second American note on the Ancona was received in Washington today and the work of translating it from the diplomatic code was begun. Meanwhile, official comment on the note was reserved.

Further reports of the landing of allied troops on the Greek coast east of Saloniki, apparently to checkmate any advance on the right flank of the Anglo-French positions there, were received today, Kavala being named as the point at which British troops had debarked. Advances last night were that the British had put troops ashore at Orfano, 30 miles to the west of Kavala.

From German sources comes a report of the defeat of a Serbian army, apparently reinforced by Italians, in central Albania, the Bulgarians almost annihilating the Serbians in a three-day battle, it is claimed.

British casualties on all fronts during December totaled 1,001 officers and 17,538 men.

Paris reports the repulse of a German hand grenade attack launched in an effort to capture an observation post in the Champagne. Comparative quiet prevailed on the rest of the front.

Its Not Your
Farm but the
Way it is Used

Madison, Wis., Dec. 31.—"How to make a small farm pay" is the subject of a bulletin issued by the Wisconsin Bankers' association. F. F. Showers of Walworth county, who taught school for 23 years and then went farming on a 40 acre tract, tells his experiences. He summarizes his advice as follows:

"Love and enjoy your work.
"Study your fields to know the weaknesses and possibilities.
"Harvest your crop so that you will receive the largest return.
"Give your herd a chance.
"Produce, care for and raise only the best."

Mr. Showers says he grew alfalfa on his farm last year and after paying taxes and interest and establishing a stand and putting up the hay, he had nearly \$100 on each acre of alfalfa as profit.

MERRY PARTIES TO
WELCOME NEW YEAR

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Hotel and restaurant owners completed arrangements today for the merriest New Year's eve celebration Chicago has seen in years. Table reservations sold at a premium. Because of the unprecedented demand, the lobbies, balconies and the corridors of hotels will be used to seat parties. In the larger cafes and restaurants all seats have been reserved for several days it was said.

Dancing will be permitted all night as under the ruling of the corporation counsel the restaurants will not be obliged to close their doors at 3 a. m., the rule of previous years. No liquors, however, can be purchased after 1 o'clock, the legal closing hour, but patrons may purchase a "reasonable amount" before the closing hour for consumption after the bars are closed.

MID-WESTERN RATE
INCREASE KILLED

Washington, Dec. 31.—Proposed increased rates on grain and grain products from Indiana, Illinois and other middle western states and from certain points in Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Kentucky to Atlantic ports for exports were found not justified today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The increase ranged from a half cent to two cents a hundred pounds.

Earthquake Is Recorded.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 31.—An earthquake shock preceded by pronounced tremors for 48 hours was recorded on the seismograph at Canisius college today. The quake, which began at 7:30 a. m. and lasted five minutes, was estimated to be about 2,500 miles southwest.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—An earthquake shock lasting 15 minutes was recorded at 6:30 o'clock this morning on the seismograph of St. Louis university. The direction apparently was southeast by south and the distance was approximately 1,700 miles from St. Louis. For four days the seismograph has been restless.

BODY OF SOLDIER
FOUND DANGLING

Corpus Christie, Texas, Dec. 31.—The body of Private A. J. Manahan of Company C, 26th infantry, whose home was understood to have been in Akron, Ohio, was found hanging to a tree three miles south of Kingsville last night. Manahan had been stationed at Kingsville since the bandit raids in the Texas border country.

DEAN CHOSEN TO
SUCCEED OSBORNE

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 31.—George W. Kirchwey of New York, former dean of the Columbia Law School, was appointed agent and warden of Sing Sing prison today by John B. Riley, state superintendent of prison, to succeed Thomas M. Osborne. He contemplates continuance of the Mutual Welfare league founded by Osborne.

ARREST PERU MAN
IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31.—A man who the police said was William H. Overroeder, was arrested today as a fugitive from justice in connection with an alleged shortage of \$40,000 in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad freight office at Peru, Ill. He was found on the waterfront after he disembarked from the steamer Columbia, on which he shipped as a sailor when the vessel left here Nov. 14 for Mexican ports.

TO STANDARDIZE THE
TEACHING OF LAW

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Delegates attending the convention of the American Law School association have formed an organization to standardize the teaching of law throughout commercial schools of the United States. It was announced today. Immediate survey of the law courses now offered in schools and departments of business in colleges and universities will be made. Professor L. F. Schaub of Harvard university was president of the organization.

SEARCH CONTINUED
FOR GREEK STEAMER

New York, Dec. 31.—Search was continued today by the coast guard cutter Seneca for the overdue Greek liner Thessaloniki last reported in radio messages yesterday as being in distress, due to storms, about 200 miles east of Sandy Hook. A wireless message from the Seneca received early today gave the cutter's position at noon yesterday as approximately 250 miles east of Sandy Hook. The absence of further word from the cutter leads the coast guard here to believe the steamer has not been located.

PNEUMONIA AND GRIP
CAUSE MANY DEATHS

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Pneumonia and gripe, which have been epidemic for several weeks, caused a record number of deaths during the last week. The total for the week was 871, nearly fifty per cent being ascribed by attending physicians to these diseases.

WHITE-NEGRO
MELEE FATAL
TO SEVEN MENDays of Ku Klux Klan Re-
vived by Bloody Battle
in Southern Georgia.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH

Tortures Imposed Upon the
Blacks by White Posse-
men—Five Shot Down.

Blakely, Ga., Dec. 31.—Excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between several hundred white possemen and negroes near here yesterday, in which seven negroes were killed and two whites badly hurt, had not entirely died down today. Influential white citizens were busy until late last night in efforts to prevent further possible outbreaks, expressed the belief, however, that there would be no more trouble.

Two Burned; Five Shot.

Five of the negroes were shot and instantly killed and two others were burned to death, according to reports here, as a result of three fights between the negroes and various hands of whites seeking to capture Grandison Goolsby, a negro farmer, and his two sons, Mike and Ulysses, accused of assassinating Henry J. Villipigue, an overseer, who had thrashed one of the younger Goolsby boys. Villipigue was shot in the back Wednesday night, his wife narrowly escaping death from several other shots fired after he fell.

Victims of All Day Hunt.

The negroes reported dead as a result of an all-day hunt which started Thursday morning when news of Villipigue's death spread through the country and culminated in a melee in the afternoon, were Grandison Goolsby, his two sons, both of whom were burned in a cabin in which they sought refuge; "Hosh" Jewell, Charles Holmes, James Burton and Earl Hightower. Jewell and Holmes were killed in aiding the Goolsbys stand off a posse led by Sheriff Howell of Early county. Burton and Hightower met death resisting another posse which sought to search their cabin.

Two Whites Wounded.

Samuel Pittman and O. B. Hudspeth, members of the sheriff's posse, were the only two white men who were known here to have been wounded. Pittman's right arm was broken by a shot and Hudspeth was shot in the head. He is expected to recover.

The killings took place in the western part of this (Early) county about ten miles west of here and near the Alabama border.

BELIEVE FIFTEEN
MEN ARE CAUGHT
IN CHICAGO FIRE

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Reports that 15 or 20 men had been killed in an explosion which set fire to the plant of the American Linseed company in south Chicago were received by the police today. After the explosion the flames spread rapidly and firemen were unable to enter the building where the men were believed to have been trapped.

At the first alarm 15 fire companies were sent to the plant because of the inflammable nature of the stock of the company.

Workmen who escaped injury in the explosion hurried from the plant and the officials were unable to ascertain how many were in the building.

The first word that men were trapped in the burning building came to the police department from a policeman detailed at the plant who telephoned to his chief that 15 or 20 men were trapped in the burning building. This announcement, which sent ambulances and police patrols on the double quickly to the company's plant, was quickly followed by a report that several firemen had been caught beneath a falling wall and that many were injured.

Every available policeman and fireman in the district was ordered to the fires.

More than one hundred men were working in the plant when the explosion occurred, according to officials of the company. The men who were believed to have been killed or seriously injured occupied a room close by the scene of the explosion and their escape was cut off by the flames.

While the firemen were busy in South Chicago, fire broke out in the heart of the Union Stock yards in the tall house operated by Oberndorf and Company. The fire was subdued after \$150,000 damage had been done.

British Ship
Natal Blown
Up in Harbor

London, Dec. 31, (12:23 p. m.)—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today.

The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor, as the result of an internal explosion. There are about four hundred survivors.

The Natal is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance had been sunk since last May when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man of war, was laid down 11 years ago and her displacement was only about one half of the largest British sea fighters.

The Natal's normal complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,660 tons. She was 430 feet long and had 73 feet of beam. Her largest guns were 22 inches. Of these she carried three forward and three aft. She was armed also with four 7.5-inch guns, 24 3-pounders and three torpedo tubes.

The Natal brought from Portsmouth the body of Whitehead Reid, American ambassador at London, after his death in 1912, remaining at New York two weeks.

PLACE LORIMER
ON TRIAL TODAYFormer President of Defunct La Salle
Street Bank Charged With Looting
Institution.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—William Lorimer, former United States senator and president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, was formally placed on trial today on a charge of looting the institution of \$2,000,000 in money and securities, and the case was then continued to Jan. 17, when the selection of jurors is to begin. Judge Wm. E. Dever, it was announced, will preside at the trial. A motion by Albert Kink, counsel for Mr. Lorimer, to consolidate the indictments against his client, was taken under advisement by the judge. There are three indictments, charging conspiracy, embezzlement and receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent.

Indictments against Thos. McDonald, assistant cashier of the bank, were dismissed today by Hayden N. Bell, assistant state's attorney, who said the evidence did not justify placing Mr. McDonald on trial.

Mr. McDonald was a witness for the state at the trial of C. B. Munday, senior vice president of the bank, who was convicted a few weeks ago at Morris, Ill.

BLOODHOUNDS ON THE
TRAIL OF MURDERERS

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 31.—The police today placed bloodhounds on the trail of the men who killed Henry A. Muesel and Frank Chrobot and wounded William Muesel, Jr., at the Muesel Brewing company yesterday.

The trail is leading the officers west of the city.

William Muesel, Jr., a brother of one of the two victims, is now in a hospital. He and Robert M. Muesel, a 17-year-old cousin, reiterated today that only robbery was the motive of the crime. Up to early this afternoon other officials of the company had not announced the amount of the loss, if any.

1,500 PRISONERS GO
TO MONTENEGRINS

Paris, Dec. 31, (2:40 p. m.)—The capture of 1,500 prisoners by the Montenegrins in an engagement in the Sanjak, in which an Austrian detachment was wiped out, is announced in the Montenegrin official statement received here today. The statement admits the recapture of Raskova Gora by the Austrians.

"On the Sanjak front on the 28th we annihilated an enemy detachment taking 1,500 prisoners. There also have been severe artillery and outpost combats."

Greece Protests Against Allies?

Berlin, Dec. 31, (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Advices received from Athens by the Overseas News Agency state that the Greek government has made a second protest against the fortification by the allies of the territory surrounding Saloniki.

Acquitted of Wrecking House.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 31.—A jury at Paxton today acquitted Ellsworth Cook of the charge of having wrecked the house of Thomas Richards, a wealthy grain dealer, by a dynamite explosion. The prosecution set up the theory that Cook was jealous of Richards' attention to his wife.

AUSTRONOTE
IN THE HANDS
OF OFFICIALSText of Reply to the Second
American Paper Is Now
Before Translators.

COMMENT IS RESERVED

No Mention Made as to Ten-
or of Document—Diplo-
matic Break Unlikely.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received early today at the state department. Translating will take several hours.

The reply came in sections. Secretary Lansing said that one section had been translated and that he expected the complete translation would be in his hands before night.

Officials who had read the unofficial version of the reply received in press dispatches from London apparently were much gratified at its nature. Danger of a break of diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary was no longer considered imminent. Officials said, however, that additional correspondence on the subject was sure to ensue. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the reply until he had the complete official text.

Meet U. S. Demands!

Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called at the state department and conferred with Secretary Lansing nearly half an hour. The ambassador said he believed the news summary of the note saying Austria had punished the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona and that the Vienna government had offered indemnity for the loss of life and injury of American citizens was correct. He declined to comment on his visit.

Later, it was learned the German view is that Austria-Hungary had granted complete concessions to the American demands.

American demands on Austria-Hungary in connection with the destruction of the steamer Ancona apparently have been met in the new note from Vienna to Washington.

More Correspondence Likely.

If the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note confirms the press dispatches saying the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer had been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up. That would be the payment of indemnity for American lives lost, for which Austria has expressed a willingness to make reparation. Later however, there may be full exchanges between the United States and Austria on the subject of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen.

Act Disavowed in Effect.

It was pointed out here that in punishing the submarine commander for failure to take into account the panic prevailing aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, the Austrian government, in effect, disavowed the act and gave assurances that there would be no repetition of such an incident.

The official text of the note from Vienna is expected to reach the state department tonight. Ambassador Penfield at Vienna reported that it had been handed to him and that it would be cabled as soon as it could be translated and coded. He gave no hint, however, as to its tenor.

England Joys Over Austro Note.

London, Dec. 31, (1:10 p. m.)—The Austrian reply to the United States appears in the afternoon's newspapers under the heading "Austria gives way" or similar words. The passages concerning punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona and the indemnification of Americans, some of which characterize Austria's statements in regard to the conduct of the Ancona's crew as "impudent." The early afternoon editions contain no editorial comment.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Rain tonight and probably Saturday;
slightly warmer tonight with the tem-
perature above freezing.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 33. Highest
yesterday, 33; lowest last night, 31.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., five miles
per hour.

Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 74; at 7
a. m., 96; at 1 p. m. today, 98.

Stage of water, 6 feet, a fall of 1
in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.